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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of James "Jim" Bernhard of West Frankfort, who passed away on August 4, 2008; and

WHEREAS, James "Jim" Bernhard was born June 6, 1935, in West Frankfort, to Stephen and Regina (Harr) Bernhard; he married Judith Woods on October 15, 1955; and

WHEREAS, He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church in West Frankfort, a charter member of Knights of Columbus and a member of Elks Lodge, Moose Lodge in West Frankfort, and UMWA 2250; he was also a former school board member, city councilman, and Rend Lake Conservancy Board member; and

WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Charles; his sisters, Susan Baumann and Betty Eadie; and his grandson, Michael Dale Smith Jr.; and

WHEREAS, He was a loving husband, father and grandfather; he is survived by his wife, Judy Bernhard; his three daughters, Jayma and Gary Tucker, Jill and Ed Blades, and Joni and Mike Smith; his seven grandchildren, Tara Wilce, Allyson Tucker, Jimmy Blades, Morgan, Ty, Garrett, and Drew Smith; his three brothers, Steve, Ted, and George Bernhard; his three sisters,

1 Mary Louise Stocker, Jean Walsh, and Carolyn Knottleson; his  
2 many nieces and nephews; and his special dog, Sassy; therefore,  
3 be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL  
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
6 his family and friends, the passing of James Bernhard; and be  
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
9 presented to the family of James Bernhard as a symbol of our  
10 sympathy.